

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 26, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1, 10 and 22 have been amended to place them in better form for appeal. Accordingly, entry of the present amendment and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1, 18-19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,027,881 (Yumato). Further, claims 2-17, 20 and 22-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Yumato in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0154161 (Friedman). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-31 are patentable over Yumato and Friedman for at least the following reasons.

Yumato is directed to a remote control system which is constructed from a simple device configuration. ABILITY information indicating the ability of an input operation function of a control device is transmitted from the control device to the device to be controlled. The device to be controlled creates conversion-into-remote-controller data on the basis of this ability information and transmits the data to the control device. Then, the control device creates a GUI by using the received conversion-into-remote-controller data. As a result, the control device can function as a remote controller which remotely controls a specific device to be controlled. Similar to Yumato, Friedman also discloses creating a universal console (UC) platform for a UC device.

It is respectfully submitted that Yumato, Friedman, and combination thereof, do not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 22 which, amongst other patentable elements, recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

mapping the RUI to the CUI; and  
displaying by the control device at least a  
part of the CUI instead of the RUI as a user  
interface to the network device, wherein the CUI  
is more consistent with user interfaces of  
further network devices so that the control  
device presents a user the user interface that  
includes the CUI for controlling the network  
device and the further devices.

These features are nowhere disclosed or suggested in Yumato, Friedman, and combination thereof, which are not concerned with controlling various devices using a common consistent user interface. Rather, Yumato and Friedman are merely concerned with creating a remote controller for devices to be controlled.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 22 are allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-21 and 23-31 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 22.

Claims 2 and 30 also include patentable subject matters since Yumato, Friedman, and combination thereof, do not even disclose or suggest a CUI preset as a synonym for an RUI component, let alone disclosing or suggesting replacing the received RUI component with

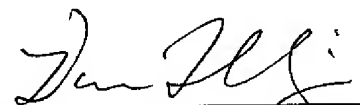
the pre-set synonym CUI component by the control device whenever the control device displays a user interface to the network device.

Paragraph [0027] of Friedman merely discloses that a universal console (UC) 200 may access and interact with a computer network 14 and server computers 10a, 10b, etc. for interacting with client computers 110a, 110b, etc. and other devices 111 and databases 20.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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